

Councilman Gabe Leland Newsletter



Councilman Leland Launching District 7 Healthy Living Initiative

Councilman Leland's Healthy Living Initiative will connect residents with services and programs offered by the Detroit Health Department and Recreation Department.

"The District 7 Healthy Living Initiative will help inform residents about the city's innovative public health policies and recreational programs. This Initiative will also focus on strengthening partnerships with block clubs and community leaders who are on the front lines everyday fighting for a healthier Detroit," said Councilman Gabe Leland.

Because there is a broad range of personal, social, economic, and environmental factors that influence health status, the District 7 Healthy Living Initiative will focus on numerous topics and policies including making our neighborhoods more walkable, increased access to fresh fruits/vegetables, clean and affordable water and creating more indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities. "Community engagement is critical to the success of this initiative, added Councilman Leland. "This effort will be directed by the voices of our community."

Councilman Leland will continue to explore and push for more recreation programs, including collaborating with local schools. Future events will raise awareness about the Adams Butzel Recreation Center and the newly renovated Brennan Pool.

On February 17, 2017, Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun was appointed as the new Executive Director and Health Officer

of the Detroit Health Department. Dr. Khaldun is a board certified practicing emergency physician and public health leader who has served as the Medical Director of the Detroit Health Department since July of 2016. "I met with the new director and I am excited about building collaborations with Dr. Khaldun and leaders at the neighborhood level."



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TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH HEALTHY LIVING KICK-OFF

On Tuesday, April 4th, 2017, Councilman Gabe Leland will *Kick-Off his Healthy Living initiative*, in partnership with Apryl Brown, President of the American Public Health Association Black Caucus

of Health Workers at the Boys and Girls Club at 16500 Tireman Ave Detroit, MI 48228, (5:30 PM – 7:30 PM) as part of the National Public Health Week (April 3rd-9th).

Councilman Gabe Leland's collaborative event, is one of many public health awareness programs being held across the nation, to help further the goal of the American Public Health Association to transform the United States into the healthiest nation in one generation - - by 2030. (<http://www.nphw.org/>) Councilman Leland is contributing to this national effort through innovative public policies and support for local partnerships.

The *District 7 Healthy Living Initiative NPHW Kick-Off* will consist of a panel comprised of experts in public health, physical fitness, community recreation and civic leadership. Special guests include Head Coach Bernard Scott and members of the University of Detroit-Mercy Women's Basketball Team, a team that is winning on the court and in the classroom! (9 out of 13 players made the Dean's list).

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The event will conclude with honoring our heroes of Detroit whose contributions to society have helped to create a healthier Detroit.

Apryl Brown, APHA Black Caucus President commented, “An Educated Detroit is a healthier Detroit.”



The University of Detroit Women's Basketball Team will participate in the April 4th Healthy Living Kick-Off. Here Lady Titans at Police Field Day.

LITTLEFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TAKING LEAD ON COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



U of D Mercy Women's Basketball Head Coach Bernard Scott is confirmed for the April 4th healthy living kick-off. 9 of his 13 players made the Dean's list including District 7 resident Zoey Oatis.

Councilman Leland is also proud to announce his support for the Littlefield Community Association's 2017 Men's Health Fair to be held Saturday, June 24th, Noon-4 pm at the Littlefield Playfield located behind Noble Elementary Middle School (8646 Fullerton). Sandra D. Pickens, President of the Littlefield Community Association, wrote in a letter to Councilman Leland, “We were asked last year by several men for a health fair for men. Our goal is to reach the males in District 7 in the City of Detroit, with an emphasis on black adult males and youth.”

President Pickens added, “Our mission is to revitalize, empower, employ, and inspire community residents to build healthier lives and neighborhoods through education and community involvement.”

Please contact the Office of Councilman Leland to share ideas or to volunteer for the District 7 “Healthy Living” Initiative at [313-224-2151](tel:313-224-2151) or by email at lelandg@Detroitmi.gov

Councilman Gabe Leland Healthy Living District 7 Kick-Off

in partnership with the

APHA Black Caucus of Health Workers
celebrating 49 years of service

Tuesday, April 4th at 5:30 pm

at the Boys and Girls Club

16500 Tireman Ave Detroit, MI 48228

Littlefield Community Association Men's Health Fair

In partnership with

Councilman Gabe Leland

Saturday, June 24th, 2017
Noon – 4 pm

at the Littlefield Playfield

located behind Noble Elementary Middle School
(8646 Fullerton)

NEWS FROM THE DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SisterFriends Detroit



The Detroit Health Department is proud to announce SisterFriends Detroit, a volunteer effort to encourage better birth outcomes by supporting pregnant women and their families during pregnancy and for one year after baby's birth.

SisterFriends is not a program. It is a grassroots community volunteer movement that helps moms access over 100 programs in Detroit focused on supporting healthier moms and babies. For more information on SisterFriends Detroit, visit sisterfriendsdetroit.com

WIC Services

Do you know that people who have active Medicaid also qualify for Women, Infants and Children services? For WIC inquiries, contact the Detroit Health Department WIC appointment line at 313-876-4555.

Immunizations

The goal of the Immunization Program is to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases that affect people of all ages in Detroit. We work to make immunization services accessible and increase the number of Detroit children who get needed vaccines on schedule. We participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, and do outreach and education in the community on why vaccines are important.

Detroit Health Department's Immunizations Program provides two Immunizations clinics that administer vaccines for both children and adults. Even flu shots! At these clinics you will be able to get a history of your shot records (upon request) and receive vaccine education upon the receipt of service.

Current Locations:

Samaritan Center
5555 Conner
Detroit, MI 48213
(313) 410-8142
&
The Family Place
8726 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 410-7803

Hours of Operation:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, &
Fridays from 8AM – 5PM
Wednesdays from 9AM – 6PM

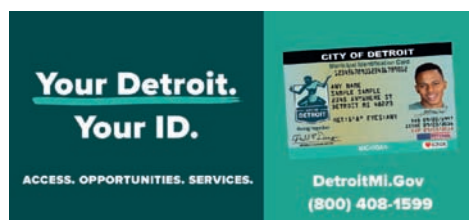
Affordable Care Act Enrollment

It's not too late to get healthcare coverage! You may still qualify for Special Enrollment Period or Medicaid healthcare coverage.

Special Enrollment Period is a time outside the yearly Open Enrollment Period when you can sign up for health insurance. You qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if you've had certain life events, including losing health coverage, moving, getting married, having a baby, or adopting a child.

To see if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period, visit: <https://www.healthcare.gov/screener/>

You can apply for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) any time of year, whether you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period or not. To complete an online application, please visit: <https://www.mibridges.michigan.gov/access/>



Detroit ID

Are you in need of an identification card? If so, the Detroit ID program is providing identification cards to all Detroit residents above the age of 14, regardless of immigration status, housing status, criminal record, or gender identification. Costs of identification cards vary with age (ranging from \$10-\$25).

The Detroit ID will allow eligible residents to interact with important city services including the Detroit Police Department, Health Department, Water and Sewerage Department, and the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Additionally, Detroit ID card holders will be offered discounts to several local businesses as well.

For more information on the Detroit ID Program visit: www.detroitmi.gov/DetroitID or call 1-800-408-1599 to schedule an appointment. The D-ID team will announce a pop-up location schedule soon. Stay tuned for details!

Current Locations:

Patton Park Recreational Center
2301 Woodmere St.
Detroit, MI 48209
&
Samaritan Center
5555 Conner St.
Detroit, MI 48213

Hours of Operation:

Mondays & Wednesdays from 1PM – 7PM
Saturdays from 10AM – 6PM



The Healthy Living Initiative will focus on increasing activities for the youth.



Councilman Leland pictured above with members of the Detroit Fire Department at the 5th Annual Summer Basketball Slam at the historic St. Cecilia Gymnasium. This annual event helps build positive relationships between youth, community and first responders.

FIGHTING BLIGHT ACTION DAYS WITH COUNCILMAN LELAND



Councilman Leland at recent volunteer board up on Kentucky.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND
INDIVIDUALS PLEASE SIGN
UP FOR GABE LELAND
ACTION DAYS!**

**ORGANIZE A CLEAN UP OR
BOARD-UP!**

GET YOUR BLOCK INVOLVED!

Contact Councilman Gabe Leland
at 313-224-2151 or email
LelandG@DetroitMI.Gov

Councilman Gabe Leland is partnering with Rippling Hope, local block clubs and other stakeholders to fight blight. Rippling Hope provides volunteer service opportunities that include home improvement measures and blight reduction. Working hand in hand with volunteers from neighborhood associations, resident led coalitions are fighting blight one block at a time.

Visit RipplingHope.Org
for more information

DISTRICT 7 SPOTLIGHT

Groups who joined with Councilman Leland on recent clean-ups and/or board-ups since October, 2016 (partial list).

Birwood Block Club
Happy Homes Community Association
Littlefield Community Association
Northwestern Community Block Club Association
Paved Way Block Club
Pinehurst Block Club
Pride Area Community Council
Rippling Hope
Kentucky 8000
Warrendale Neighborhood Association
Franklin Park Association

If you are interested in organizing a volunteer clean-up or board-up in your area or volunteering for our upcoming action days, please contact the office of Councilman Gabe Leland.



Antoinette Lewis and Daveon Watson of the Paved Way Block Club joined Councilman Leland for a volunteer board-up on Maplelawn.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR
RIPPLING HOPE'S
UPCOMING WORKDAYS**

Saturday, April 22 (National Volunteer Week in U.S. and Canada)

Saturday, May 20

Saturday, June, 10

Saturday, July 22

Saturday, August 19

Service Weekend for Remembrance of 9/11. Come for 1 of the workdays or all 3.

Saturday, September 9

Sunday, September 10

Monday, September 11

Saturday, October 7

Service Day in honor of Veterans

Saturday, November 11

Saturday, December 2

Volunteer action begin at 9:00 a.m. and usually go until 3 p.m. Bring your lunch and water bottle.

**VOLUNTEERS CAN
REGISTER
WITH RIPPLING HOPE**

Please phone Carl Zerweck at 512-619-0575 to register and to find out where the day will begin. You also can make arrangements for another date that is more convenient for you.

Leland Brings Funds Home



When District 7 was shut out of demolition funding in 2013, Councilman Leland's advocacy brought funds to district 7 to fight blight. Pictured above is Councilman Leland with United States Housing Secretary Julian Castro on Oakman Blvd.

*Invitation to
District 7 Residents*

COUNCILMAN GABE LELAND FIGHTING BLIGHT "BOARD UP" TRAINING

Learn how to board up houses and organize a volunteer board up on your block
The Training will occur on-site as the Paved Way Block Association tackles blight in their area.
Observe the board-up process and sign up your block up for one our upcoming Fighting Blight Action Days

Training by:
Rev. Carl E. Zerweck of Rippling Hope

**Saturday, April 29th
at 10 am**

Meet up at 13714 Thornton
(Thornton Street is located 2 Blocks north of
Plymouth Road and West of Schaefer. It is
between Schaefer and Shirley.

For more info or to RSVP call Isaac Robinson at
313-224-2151 or email Robinsoni@detroitmi.gov

Blight Victory near Noble School



Councilman Leland and neighborhood coalition win blight fight by knocking down 6 blighted properties before students returned to school. Pictured here are representatives from the Office of Gabe Leland, the Littlefield Community Association, Happy Homes, Northwestern Community, Familyhood Inc, Noble School and Greater Southern Baptist Church.



Councilman Leland joins volunteers from Paved Way, Franklin Park and Warrendale at volunteer board up in response to call about blight on the corner of Warwick and W. Chicago.



Councilman Leland met with leaders of the Kentucky 8000 block club at their beautification contest.

Ladon Davis and Joyell Lewis of the Office of Councilman Gabe Leland join Betty Varner, President of Desoto Ellsworth and volunteers from Mosque #1 at a neighborhood clean-up.

COUNCILMAN GABE LELAND FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE INFORMATION



Councilman Leland is working with Marcia George and Cassandra Mapusa to inform neighbors about their rights as taxpayers.

Earned Income Tax Credit

Claim Your TAX REFUND!
Apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit!

Call 2-1-1 or go to ClaimCash.Info
www.detroitmi.gov/EITC

Did you earn income in 2016?
You may be eligible for a substantial tax refund.

**Don't miss your chance to get back up to \$6,269
with the Earned Income Tax Credit.
Deadline is April 18, 2017.**

The EITC provides tax relief to working people with low to moderate income.

To qualify, you must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. If you worked full or part time this year and your income is below the following limits, you may qualify for the credit.

**To schedule a free tax preparation
appointment call 211**

**Already filed?
File an amendment to claim EITC!**

**Didn't File?
Not too late to claim EITC
for 2013, 2014, 2015 and this year!**

See the [IRS website](http://irs.gov) for full information about eligibility.

Free Tax Preparation Services

The Accounting Aid Society (AAS) and Wayne Metro (WM) are offering Detroiters free tax return preparation services.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility for free tax assistance is based on your annual household income. The guidelines for those AAS and WM serve are:

- Families with household income up to \$54,000
- Individuals with income up to \$35,000

To take advantage of AAS and WM's free assistance, you must make an appointment. Please wait until you have ALL of your 2016 year-end documents before calling to make an appointment. Most of your important documents are required to be mailed to you by January 31, 2017, including Forms W-2 and 1099.

Call 211 to make your free appointment.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT | Who qualifies?

Number of Qualifying Children	Single, head of household or qualifying widow(er)	Range of Income (a)	Married, filing jointly	Range of Income (b)	EITC Up To (Maximum)
None	Earned less than \$14,880*	At least \$6,600 But less than \$8,300	Earned less than \$20,430*	At least \$6,600 But less than \$13,850	\$506
1	Earned less than \$39,296	At least \$9,900 But less than \$18,200	Earned less than \$44,846	At least \$9,900 But less than \$23,750	\$3,373
2	Earned less than \$44,648	At least \$13,900 But less than \$18,200	Earned less than \$50,198	At least \$13,900 But less than \$23,750	\$5,752
3 or more	Earned less than \$47,955	At least \$13,900 But less than \$18,200	Earned less than \$53,505	At least \$13,900 But less than \$23,750	\$6,269

(a) If you are single and your income falls within this range, you are eligible for the maximum EIC.

(b) If you are married, filing jointly, and your combined income falls within this range, you are eligible for the maximum EIC.

*If you have no qualifying child, you must be 25 to 64 years of age to claim the EITC.

Source: IRS Publication 596 -- 2016 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Table



Councilman Leland and a broad coalition of faith, community and business leaders are working together to connect residents facing housing challenges with free counseling. Volunteer today for Councilman Leland's Defend our Neighbors Education effort.

Tax Preparation Checklist

Important documents and information you need to bring with you to get your 2016 tax returns and tax credit forms prepared and filed:

Identification/Social Security Numbers

- ☐ Photo ID: Driver's License, State ID, or Detroit ID for yourself and spouse
- ☐ Social Security cards for yourself, spouse, and each dependent
- ☐ Taxpayers filing a joint return must both be present when the tax returns are prepared. Both spouses must sign a joint tax return.

Income Statements or Forms (all that apply)

- ☐ A copy of last year's return (2016)
- ☐ Wages (all Forms W-2)
- ☐ Unemployment (Form 1099-G)
- ☐ Pension (Form 1099-R)
- ☐ Social Security (Form SSA-1099)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Letter from SSA ☐ Interest/Dividends (Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV)
- ☐ DHS Assistance (DHS Annual Client Statement)
- ☐ Child Support (Child Support Annual Statement)
- ☐ Gambling/Lottery Winnings (Form W-2G)
- ☐ Miscellaneous Income (Form 1099-MISC)
- ☐ Any other income documentation you may have

Proof of Expenses

- ☐ Mortgage Interest (Form 1098)
- ☐ Medical or HMO Premiums paid for self and any family members
- ☐ Affordable Care Act Statements (all that apply)
- ☐ Form 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace
- ☐ Form 1095-B Health Coverage
- ☐ Form 1095-C Employer-Provided Insurance

Amount of Annual Heating Costs—for the Home Heating Credit

- ☐ The amount you were billed for heating your home from 11/01/2015 to 10/31/2016. This information should be on your Dec. or Jan. utility bill. If you cannot find it, contact your heat provider. The Home Heating Credit is available for homeowners and renters.

Homeowners—for the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit

- ☐ The 2016 taxable value of your home
- ☐ A complete copy of your summer and winter property tax bills for 2016

Renters—for the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit

- ☐ Your lease or rental contract
- ☐ Rent receipts for 2016
- ☐ Your landlord's name and address

Direct Deposit: Fastest and safest way to receive your refund

- ☐ Your bank or credit union name
- ☐ Routing number
- ☐ Account number (must show proof)

Drop & Go Partners Offering Tax Assistance

The City of Detroit has conveniently located throughout the city **free** and **accessible** services to assist you with preparing your federal tax return. You can also fill out your tax return online at home. (the list at the bottom of the page is a partial list)

Self Preparation Resources

You can prepare your tax returns at home for FREE.

The [Accounting Aid Society](#) partners with two software providers to allow you free access to online tax preparation that is easy to use, convenient, and trusted. The Accounting Aid Society also provides phone assistance for people who use these programs through its website. Please consult Accounting Aid Society's "[Get Help](#)" link for more information and to access the free tax tools.

Additionally, the Wayne Metro Lakeshore facility hosts computer labs where you can prepare your taxes for free. There is on-site support available to answer any questions.

[WM Lakeshore self prep lab](#): 7310 Woodward Ave., 8th Floor 48201 — Wednesday 12-4 Thursday 12-3 p.m.

Please consult [WayneMetro.org](#) for additional information.

Site Name	Address	Zip Code
Abayomi CDC	24311 W. Eight Mile Road	48219
Don Bosco Hall	19321 W. Chicago	48228
Focus: HOPE	1400 Oakman Blvd.	48238
Goodwill Industries	3111 Grand River	48208
Jewish Vocational Services	4250 Woodward	48201
Matrix Human Services	13560 E. McNichols	48205
Operation HOPE	18445 Cathedral	48228
Samaritan Center	5555 Conner	48213
SER Metro	9301 Michigan	48210
U-SNAP-BAC	14901 E. Warren	48224

Visit www.detroitmi.gov/EITC/Tax-Preparation-Sites for information on additional sites.

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News from the Office of Councilman Gabe Leland



District 7 Volunteer Board up on Kentucky with the late great Mr. Kerry Sanders (far right) and Brenda Elam (to the left of Mr. Kerry Sanders) from the Barton McFarlane Neighborhood Association. CAC Member Clint Topp pictured to the left of Councilman Leland.



Councilman Leland is taking foreclosure prevention door to door for a third straight year. Pictured here with community volunteer Cassandra Mupasa of the Rutland Plymouth Chicago Association.

Coffee with Councilman Leland



Meet with Councilman Leland, his staff and representatives of city departments at the next "Coffee and Conversation". Call LaDon Davis at 313-600-7794 for the date and location.

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